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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q61904

Akinori HARADA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/726,507

Group Art Unit: 1752

Confirmation No.: 1096

Examiner: HAMILTON, CYNTHIA

Filed: December 01, 2000

For: PLATE-MAKING METHOD, PLATE-MAKING APPARATUS USED IN SUCH
PLATE-MAKING METHOD, AND IMAGE RECORDING MATERIAL

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 2, 2003, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in the application. Claims 7-9 are rejected. Claims 14-16 are allowed. Claims 1-6 and 10-13 are withdrawn from consideration on the basis of a restriction requirement.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Liu et al (2002/0074320A1). This rejection is traversed for at least the following reasons.

First, the Examiner has commented that "the apparatus of claim 8 of Liu et al anticipates the apparatus of instant claim 7." This rejection is improper since the claim of the pending application cannot be rejected over a claim of another reference. The claims themselves contain no teaching that is enabling. Accordingly, this rejection should be withdrawn.